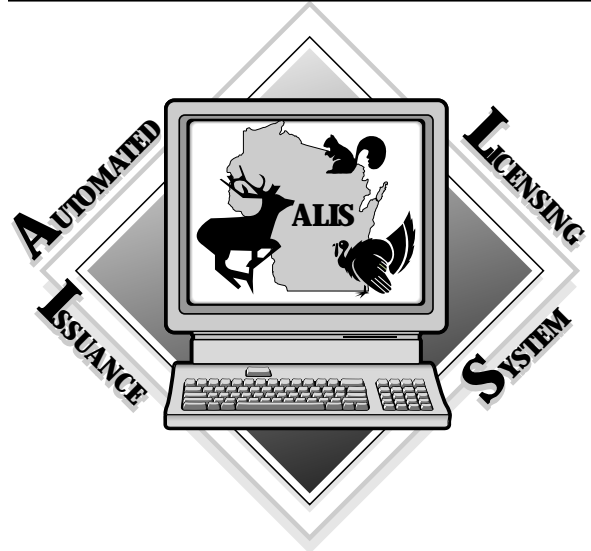


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This pamphlet gives you a summary of Wisconsin's most important hunting laws and how they affect you; it is not a complete set of laws.

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Ask first and say thanks.

Trespassing is illegal and can result in a fine up to \$1,000. You must gain the landowner's permission prior to hunting on his or her property. They really appreciate a note or word of thanks after the hunt. For more information on trespass laws, contact your county extension office.

Please respect landowners' rights.

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Questions?

Call the DNR Service Center nearest you.
Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday

For updated information about deer season issues
call the WI DNR Deer Hunting Information Line
1-800-282-0367

Support Ethical Responsible Hunting Report Violations CALL 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367)

Toll Free Statewide 24-Hour Confidential
(This is NOT an information number)

Conservation wardens may enter private land at
any time when performing their duties.

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Horicon	920-387-7860
Janesville	608-743-4800
Poynette	608-635-8110
Southeast Region (Milwaukee)	414-263-8500
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Kettle Moraine State Forest (South) ..	414-594-6200
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Sturtevant	414-884-2300
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Baldwin	715-684-2914
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Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-7800

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Antigo	715-627-4317
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Woodruff	715-356-5211
Superior	715-392-7988

Northeast Region (Green Bay)	920-492-5800
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Peshtigo	715-582-5000
Sturgeon Bay	920-746-2860

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Your Investment in Wisconsin's Fish and Wildlife 1997-1998


Tracking the Fish & Wildlife Account

Fish & Wildlife Account
\$67.8 million
15.8%




How the Fish & Wildlife Account money gets spent ...

1. Wildlife

 27.4¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$18.6 million Total
165 Staff
20% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions


- Improve habitat and manage non-game species
- Manage public lands
- Develop regulations, issue permits, reimburse farmers
- Stock game species
- Inform and educate the public
- Conduct research and monitor diseases
- Pay program operations costs

2. Fish

 27.8¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$18.8 million Total
253 Staff
31% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions


- Evaluate fish populations and conduct research
- Rear and stock fish
- Protect and improve habitat
- Inform and educate the public
- Develop rules and regulations
- Pay program operations costs

3. Enforcement

 17.1¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$11.6 million Total
139 Staff
17% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions


- Enforce fishing, hunting and trapping laws
- Inform and educate the public
- Provide hunter education program
- Manage car-killed deer disposal
- Pay program operations costs

4. Facilities & Lands

 9.9¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$6.7 million Total
70 Staff
9% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions


- Acquire public hunting grounds, fisheries properties and boating access sites
- Plan for public use of lands and facilities
- Manage and maintain DNR lands
- Design and build recreational and public use facilities

5. Licenses

 4.9¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$3.3 million Total
51 Staff
6% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions

- Sell hunting, fishing, trapping licenses
- Issue special wildlife harvest permits
- License game farms
- Inform and educate the public
- Pay program operations costs

6. Regional Management

 3.7¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$2.5 million Total
36 Staff
4% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions

- Maintain contact with local government and conservation groups on fish & wildlife issues

- Direct geographic management unit staff and work
- Develop and lead geographic management unit partnership teams
- Oversee consistency of decisions and policies across regions

7. Administration



9.2¢ of each Fish & Wildlife dollar
\$6.3 million Total
92 Staff

11% of Fish & Wildlife funded positions

- Meet with fishing and hunting organizations, government agencies, legislators and the public
- Provide legal services
- Administer programs funded by fish and wildlife account
- Manage collective bargaining, recruiting and hiring
- Provide computer support and computerized mapping services
- Pay bills and manage payroll, benefits and financial records
- Communicate with media, citizens and teachers
- Manage and distribute grants
- Provide mail services and distribute publications

For more detailed information on each of these 7 categories contact:

The Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster, PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707
or your local DNR Service Center

The \$67.8 million Fish & Wildlife account comes from the following sources of Revenue

Fishing and hunting licenses and stamps	72%
Misc. grants, donations and other sources	11%
SFR (Sport Fish Restoration federal aid)	7%
PR (Pittman Robertson federal wildlife aid)	6%
Wildlife damage surcharge	4%
Total	100%

Overall Accomplishments 1997-1998

- Enhanced 40,000 acres of habitat on public and private lands; conducted 990 wildlife surveys to assess population health and abundance; helped 2,247 landowners improve their land for wildlife.
- Conducted 175,000 field contacts with hunters, anglers and private landowners to maintain visibility and promote voluntary compliance with conservation laws. Provided educational programs for schools, conservation clubs and media.
- Improved habitat on 20 miles of trout streams, in 21 lakes and portions of the Mississippi River, and removed 3 dams to restore fish habitat. Stocked 9 million trout, salmon, walleye, musky and other fish.
- Managed assessment and purchase of 17,500 acres of land bringing DNR ownership to nearly 1.3 million acres; completed feasibility studies for establishment of the La Crosse Marsh Wildlife Area and the Western Prairie Habitat Restoration Area; and completed construction of 20 boat access projects and 25 boarding docks.
- Introduced a plan to automate hunting and fishing license sales and expand the services that can be provided by retail license sales agents.
- Worked with local units of government and conservation groups on fishery, wildlife, enforcement and habitat protection issues. Supervised DNR warden, fish and wildlife staff in field offices throughout the state.
- Provided overall leadership and policy development for agency including the 800 fish and wildlife account-funded staff; published 50 issues of DNR News and Outdoor Report; trained 1500 teachers and youth leaders in environmental programs; distributed wildlife and fisheries grant money; provided computer support and computerized mapping services; responded to legislative requests for consultation on fisheries and wildlife bills; and managed payroll, hiring, human resources and billing duties.

★ What's New in '99

- Special permit application improvements – instead of receiving a blank application form when you pay your \$3.00 fee for special applications, you'll receive an application sticker, pre-printed with your DNR customer number, and in most cases your name and address. Keep the sticker until you obtain your application form, place the sticker on your completed application and mail the form to the DNR as usual. The sticker will speed the processing of your application and keep an accurate record of your hunter preference standing.
- Social Security Number required – In March 1998, the Wisconsin Legislature passed a law that requires the DNR to obtain a social security number before it can issue hunting licenses or approvals. The law specifically states that the Department must disclose social security numbers to the Department of Workforce Development for the enforcement of child/family support orders. A first-time customer purchasing a license or approval through the Automated Licensing Issuance System will be asked to provide their social security number. Once the social security number is entered at the terminal, you will be assigned a unique DNR customer number that will be printed on all license document(s). Any subsequent purchases will allow you to purchase your licenses/approvals using your DNR customer number, avoiding the collection of social security number ever again.
- Stamps for pheasant, turkey and state waterfowl bird hunting no longer need to be attached to your license – the stamp privilege you will purchase will be printed right on your license. If you pay for a stamp and still want to receive the actual stamp, you can get one at a DNR service center at no additional cost. You are still required to purchase the federal waterfowl stamp and carry it while hunting.
- When purchasing a deer gun license or an archery license, you will only receive a back tag with your license information printed directly on the back tag. There will be no separate license document issued. The license and back tag are one document.
- When you purchase a deer hunting license, the kill tag will be printed as a separate item.
- Registration stubs will be available at deer registration stations and from license agents. Stubs must be completed when you register your deer. The information which must be provided on this stub is similar to what was provided in the past with the exception of now needing your customer identification number (on your back tag and carcass tag).
- There is a new toll-free telephone number for *both* residents and non-residents. You can purchase licenses with your Master Card or Visa by phone at 1-877-WI-LICENSE for a \$3.00 handling fee.
- An early antlerless-only gun season will be held on October 28-31 in 1999 Zone T Units 51A, 62B, 63A, 65B, 66, 67B, 80A, and State Park 80C. In these Zone T Units, archery hunting will be antlerless only during the early gun season and the early archery season will be extended four days through November 18th, 1999. **All hunters in Zone T Units are required to wear blaze orange on October 28 - October 31.** (See page 44 for Zone T details.)
- Deer Management Units (DMUs) 73, 73C, and 75 no longer exist. They have been renumbered and boundary lines have been moved. Deer Management Units 73D, 73E, 75C and 75D are new for 1999. (See page 32 for a detailed map.)
- A resident landowner no longer needs to live in or adjacent to the county in which they own property to receive preference for the hunter choice permit.

Permit & License Application Deadlines

Bear	Jan. 14, 2000
Bobcat, otter, fisher	Sept. 10
Canada Goose: Early SE Wis.	Aug. 1
Tag Zones	Aug. 20
Deer: Hunter's Choice	July 20
Gun License	Nov. 19
Turkey: Fall 1999	Aug. 10
Spring 2000	Dec. 10
Sharp-tailed grouse	Aug. 10

License Information

- **Who needs one:** Hunters must carry a valid hunting license on their person while engaged in hunting. To obtain a resident license, *persons 18 years old and over* must provide their Social Security number or DNR customer ID, and present their Wisconsin driver's license, Department of Transportation identification, or will be required to sign a residency statement at the time of purchase. *Persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1973* must also present their hunter education certificate to purchase any license (persons 12-18 years old may use this as proof of residency). *No person less than 12 years old* may obtain a license. See the following landowners section for exception.
- **Use:** It is illegal to allow someone else to use or *carry* your license or tag, or for you to use or *carry* some other person's license or tag.
- 1. **Wisconsin hunter education graduates:** Certificates issued to Wisconsin resident graduates 12 years old and over after January 1, 1999 are valid for hunting small game until March 31, 2000 (see also **Adult Supervision** p.14). Contact your local DNR office for course information.

2. **Landowners:** The owner or occupant of any land and any family member 12 years old and over living with them, may, *without license* and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for beaver, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, and squirrels year-round; however, hunting is not allowed during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the gun deer season.
3. **Students:** *Full-time* undergraduate students in residence at a Wisconsin college or university offering a bachelor's degree and *foreign citizens* attending a Wisconsin high school or university agricultural short course may buy a resident small game, deer, archer or sports license.
4. **Armed forces members:** Any armed forces member who exhibits proof that he or she is a Wisconsin resident, is in active service with the armed forces outside this state and is on furlough or leave may receive a free small game license (available only at DNR offices and service centers). Armed forces members on active duty and stationed in Wisconsin may purchase a resident deer, small game, archer or sports license. *Note: The state waterfowl and pheasant stamps are not required.*
- **Gun Deer License purchase deadline:** Gun deer hunting licenses must be purchased before the gun deer season, except Wisconsin resident armed forces members on furlough or residents who have completed a hunter safety course and turn 12 years old during the season.
- **License outlets:** Licenses, permit stickers and HIP registrations are available from 1,300 license agents, DNR service centers and through the mail by submitting a completed application to the DNR Bureau of Customer Service & Licensing, Box 7924, Madison 53707. Residents and nonresidents may purchase licenses and permits by phone with their MC/Visa at 1-877-WI LICENSE for an additional \$3.00 fee.
- **Effective dates:** All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of

the specific seasons except the archery license. Archery licenses (p.15) purchased after the bow deer season begins are not valid for 3 days after purchase excluding day of purchase. Wisconsin resident armed forces members on leave or furlough may use their archery license immediately. All 1999 hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2000.

- **Duplicates:** To receive a duplicate, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license vendor.

Adult Supervision Required:

Hunters of ages 12 and 13 years old must be *accompanied* by a parent or guardian. Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm. *Accompanied* means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

Resident licenses

License fees are subject to change prior to enactment of the Wisconsin state budget in August.

See Permit Information (page 18) for other hunting requirements. See p. 12 for Application Deadlines.

Resident means a person who has maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 days immediately before applying for license. Domiciliary intent (intent to establish residency) is required. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes the location where the person votes, pays personal income taxes or obtains a driver's license.

- **Conservation Patron (\$110.00):** Residents 14 years of age and older may purchase this license. Includes the privilege of: small game, turkey license and stamp, pheasant stamp, deer hunting with gun and bow, fishing, sturgeon spearing, trapping, state fishing

and waterfowl stamps, most permit fees, DNR magazine subscription and vehicle admission to state parks and related areas. *Does not include the privilege of: Bear application fee, Class A or Class B Bear License, Bobcat applications, Bonus Deer permits or Federal Waterfowl Stamp.*

- **Sports (\$43.00):** General fishing, hunting small game and unprotected species with gun and bow, and deer with firearms; cannot be purchased during gun deer season. *Does not include:* wild turkey license and stamp, pheasant stamp and state and federal waterfowl stamps.
- **Deer (\$20.00):** Deer firearm hunting only. *Purchasing deadline: Nov. 19.*
- **Bear (\$3.00 Application Fee: Class A - \$41.00, Class B - \$8.00):** To receive a preference point and to be considered for the Class A license drawing, purchasers must have mailed in their application by Jan. 15, 1999 to be eligible to harvest bear. In 2000, the Class A application deadline is **Jan. 14**. Class B licenses can be bought over the counter and are required for pursuing bear and for assisting harvest permit holders in bear hunting activities including baiting. Class B licenses do not authorize shooting, shooting at, killing, catching or possession of bear. Please see WI Bear Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for more information.
- **Archery (\$20.00):** Small game, deer and unprotected species with a bow. Not valid for deer during gun deer season. *If issued during bow deer season, license not valid until the third day after purchase, excluding the day of purchase.* Example: Buy license Monday, effective on Thursday.
- **Small Game (\$14.00):** Small game, bobcat, and unprotected species with firearms and bow. Not valid for bear, deer and wild turkey hunting. Does not include any stamps.
- **Senior Citizens Small Game (\$7.00):** Same as small game; you must be 65 or over to purchase.

- **Wild Turkey (\$11.00):** Hunters apply (\$3.00 application fee) for a “turkey hunting approval notice” for spring or fall hunting. This “notice” allows holder to purchase a fall or spring turkey license. A turkey stamp (p. 17) is also required (see spring turkey pamphlet for more information).
- **Trapping (\$18.00):** See WI Trapping regulations pamphlet for more details.
- **Junior Small Game (\$8.00):** For ages 12 to 17 years.

Nonresident licenses

See Permit section for other hunting requirements.

- **Archery (\$135.00):** (Same privileges as resident except does not authorize the hunting of bear, wild turkey and furbearing animals with a bow.)
- **Deer (\$135.00):** (Same privileges as resident, see page 15.)
- **Bear (\$3.00 Application Fee: Class A- \$201.00, Class B- \$100.00):** (Same privileges as resident, see page 15.)
- **Conservation Patron (\$575.00):** (Same privileges as resident except it does not include trapping, see page 14.)
- **Sports (\$250.00):** Includes deer gun, small game and fishing.
- **Small Game (\$75.00):** Small game, excluding furbearing animals (defined p. 24), hunted with firearms and bow. Not valid for wild turkey, deer, or bear hunting.
- **Wild Turkey (\$55.00):** (Same privileges as resident, see top of page.)
- **5-Day Small Game (\$43.00):** Small game, excluding furbearing animals (defined p. 24), hunted with firearms or bow during a specified, consecutive, 5-day period.
- **Furbearing Animal Hunting (\$150.00):** Hunt skunk, raccoon, fox, weasel, opossum, coyote and bobcat with firearm or bow. Bobcat hunting requires a DNR permit.

Stamp Privilege Information

Stamps for pheasant, turkey and state migratory bird hunting no longer need to be attached to your license. The stamp privilege you will purchase will be printed right on your license.

- **Pheasant Stamp (\$7.25):** Required to hunt pheasant in pheasant management counties (see map on page 51) in addition to a small game or sports license. *Exemptions:* Conservation patron and senior citizen recreation card holders, first year hunter safety course graduates, military personnel on furlough and on licensed game farms.
- **Wild Turkey Stamp (\$5.25):** Required to hunt wild turkey. Stamp is valid for both spring and fall seasons.
- **Waterfowl Stamps (\$7.00):** The state stamp privilege, available at all license outlets, and the federal stamp, available at U.S. Post Offices, are required for waterfowl hunting in addition to a valid license. All hunters 16 years and over need a state and federal stamp.
Federal stamp exemptions: (1) Snipe, woodcock or rail hunters. *State stamp exemptions:* (1) Snipe, woodcock or rail hunters. (2) Conservation patron, free military small game license and Senior Citizen Rec. Card holders. (3) *Hunter education course graduates during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free.*
To hunt migratory game birds, individuals must also be HIP certified. (See page 18 for more information.)

Permit Information

Disabled hunters: Qualified disabled persons may obtain permits to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Contact a DNR office for details. Allow 30-60 days for processing. *Important:* Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

When applying for Hunter's Choice, Mississippi River Block Antlerless or Bonus Antlerless deer permit(s), consult the special "Wisconsin Antlerless Deer Permit Information" available at license outlets about June 15. It contains information about permit availability, maps and season changes.

- **Harvest Information Program (HIP):** To hunt migratory game birds in Wisconsin each year, hunters first have to be HIP registered at a license outlet. No individual may hunt any species of migratory game bird until registered with the department and all hunters must have in their possession proof of registration while hunting migratory game birds.
- **Hunter Education Graduates:** A person who graduates from the Wisconsin Hunter Education Course *for the first time*, may take an antlerless deer in the deer season immediately following graduation with their regular gun deer license in areas designated by the DNR (contact your local DNR office for a current list of included deer management units). The antlerless deer must be tagged with your valid gun deer carcass tag.
- **Qualified service members:** means a member holding a current resident deer hunting license may hunt deer of either sex during any firearm deer season established by the department. Qualified persons must be able to exhibit proof while hunting and when registering deer that they are; (1) Wiscon-

sin residents, (2) on active service with the armed forces outside this state, and (3) are on furlough or leave.

- **Farm Owners:** Eligible resident farm owners can now receive one free bonus antlerless deer permit in units that have bonus permits available. The farm owner must first purchase a bonus permit in order to get the one free permit. To qualify, a majority of the land on the farm must be used on a commercial basis to provide income. If there are joint owners or vendee names under a land contract, only one of the owners is eligible for a free bonus permit.
- **Hunter's Choice Deer (\$3.00 application sticker fee):** Allows the holder to kill one deer of either sex in the *specified deer management unit during the regular 9-day gun deer and muzzleloader only seasons*—it is not an "extra" or bonus permit. A Gun Deer Carcass tag with a Hunter's Choice permit may also be used, for antlerless deer only, by persons possessing an archery license during the archery deer season. *Application Deadline: July 20.* Apply carefully and refer to the special "Wisconsin Antlerless Deer Permit Information" packet available at license outlets about June 15.
 1. **Use:** See the *1999 Deer Bag Limits and Tag Use Options* table on page 50. *Note: You may hunt in other units if desired only during the 9-day gun deer season, but are restricted to the legal deer (usually a buck) specified for that season zone.*
 2. **Hunter's Choice Permit Availability:** Hunter's Choice permits are issued for select management units only.
 3. **Possession:** *You must carry your HC permit while hunting and until your deer is registered.*
- **Bonus Permits in Mississippi River Block Units (59M, 59D, 61, 74A and 74B):** Apply on Hunter's Choice Application Form. In addition to Bonus Permits, this form allows you to apply for a Hunter's Choice Permit. Since only Bonus Permits are available

in River Block Units, you may apply for a Hunter's Choice Permit in another DMU.

- **Bonus Antlerless Deer (\$12.00 res; \$20.00 non-resident):** If the situation arises where there are not enough applicants for hunter's choice permits in a specified deer management unit, remaining permits are then sold as bonus antlerless deer permits. This allows the permit holder to kill an "extra" antlerless deer and these permits are valid during the archery, gun and muzzleloader seasons.
 1. No person will be issued more than 3 bonus permits through the mail-in process for the 1999 deer hunting season. No more than 6 will be issued through the mail for use in Metro Units.
 2. These are offered to successful hunter's choice applicants first, using the standard preference system. If some bonus permits remain after the mail in process, leftover permits may be made available for over the counter sales on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Bobcat (\$3.00 application sticker fee):** A permit and tag are required for hunting or trapping for bobcat. *Application deadline: Sept. 10.*
- **Dog Training (\$5.00/training period):** Required to train hunting dogs when using captive protected wild animals, contact DNR for details. Note restricted area on p. 36.
- **Falconry:** Required to take, possess, and transport hawks, falcons, eagles, and great horned owls for falconry. Contact DNR at 608-264-6031 for details.

Special Hunts

- **Disabled Deer Hunts:** Dates: Oct. 2 - Oct. 10, 1999. Interested persons must contact the nearest DNR office before June 1 for more information. *Note: These hunts are conducted by private sponsors.*
- **Loew Lake Unit Novice/Disabled Turkey Hunting:** Spring turkey hunting is available for a limited number of first time and class A & C Disabled hunters. For information call (414) 670-3400 or write to KMSF-Pike Lake, 3544 Kettle Moraine Rd., Hartford, WI 53027.
- **Educational Hunt/Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area:** Deer hunting is offered to youth who complete a "Learn to Deer Hunt Workshop." For applications and information regarding dates and fees, write or call Buckhorn State Park at W8450 Buckhorn Park Avenue, Necedah, WI 54646-7338; Phone (608) 565-2789. *Applications are due July 15.*
- **Educational Hunt/Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center:** Deer hunting is offered to youth and beginner adults who complete a "Learn to Deer Hunt Workshop." For dates and fees, write or call the Center at Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413; 715-884-2437. *Applications are due by May 30.*
- **Badger Army Ammunition Plant:** For hunting information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Commander's Representative, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, ATTN: SMCBA-NR, Baraboo, WI 53913-5000.
- **Volk Field Military Facility/Deer Hunting:** For information send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope (8 3/4" X 3 3/4") to: Attn: Natural Resources Management, Volk Field ANGB, 100 Independence Dr., Camp Douglas, WI 54618-5001.
- **Fort McCoy Military Reservation:** Applications for hunting permits may be obtained by calling (608) 388-3337 or writing to: Directorate of Training &

Mobilization, AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales), 110 E. Headquarters Rd., Fort McCoy WI 54656-5226. Contact office for information on when applications will be sent out and when they are due back.

- **Apostle Islands/Muzzleloader Deer:** Permits are required to participate in the Oct. 1-31 muzzleloader season on Oak and Basswood Islands. *Apply between June 15 and July 15 on special application forms, which can be obtained by writing:* Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lake Shore, Rt. 1, Box 4, Bayfield, WI 54814 or call 715-779-3397. Madeline and Long Islands are open to regular statewide seasons; all others are closed.

- **National Wildlife Refuges:** Horicon NWR: (Dodge/Fond du Lac Counties) offers archery, shotgun deer and small game hunting. For details, write to Horicon NWR, Refuge Manager, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville, WI 53050 or call 920-387-2658.

Fox River NWR: (Marquette County) offers limited deer hunting. Contact the Horicon NWR Refuge Manager (see above).

Necedah NWR: (Juneau County) offers hunting of all types. For details, write the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Necedah NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, Necedah, WI 54646 or call 608-565-2551.

Trempealeau NWR: (Trempealeau County) offers late season archery under refuge permit, and 9 days of gun deer hunting opportunity. For details, write to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trempealeau NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, W28488, Trempealeau, WI 54661-8272 or call 608-539-2311.

- **Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA)**

WPA's are located around the state. For more information on public use areas and additional hunting restrictions contact the US Fish & Wildlife Service in the Northwest as 715-246-7784 or in the Southeast at 920-387-0336 or in the West at (715) 839-3700.

- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for

hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges, except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge and on federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas.

Non-toxic shot currently approved for use:

- a. Steel shot,
- b. Steel shot with coatings of <1% total mass of either copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride,
- c. Bismuth-tin in a mixture of 97-3%, respectively,
- d. Tungsten-iron, and
- e. Tungsten-polymer

Non-toxic shot temporarily approved for use:

- a. Tungsten-matrix, and
- b. Tin

For information on agricultural damage and hunting opportunities, please call the WI Cooperative Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Dept. 1-800-433-0663.

Definitions

1. Bag and possession limits:

Daily bag or bag limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may harvest in one day, no matter how long or often they hunted that day.

Except for the provisions permitting group bagging of deer during the firearm deer season (p. 39), no one can exceed or attempt to exceed their daily bag limit to assist another hunter to fill their bag limit.

Possession limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may possess at a given time.

2. General hunting:

Assisting for the purpose of bear hunting (Class B license required) means helping a Class A bear harvest permit holder hunt bear by handling dogs, tracking, trailing or locating the bear or otherwise aiding the Class A permit holder. You do not need to be with a bear harvest permit holder to place bear bait.

Furbearing animal means beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, and weasel.

Hunt or hunting includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, catching, or killing any wild animal.

Protected species means the following mammals and birds which may not be hunted, trapped, or possessed without first obtaining a DNR license or permit: *Mammals*—Badger, Canada lynx, cougar, elk, flying squirrel, marten, moose, timber wolf, white deer (deer not totally white are legal game), wolverine, woodchucks (see landowner exemption, page 13), endangered and threatened species. *Birds*—all wild birds (including song birds and blackbirds) not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping and migratory bird regulation pamphlets are protected.

Unprotected species means mammals and birds which can be hunted year-round without limit and includes feral pigeon, starling, English (house) sparrow, chukar partridge, coturnix quail, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping, and migratory game bird regulations pamphlets. A hunting license is required and normal hunting hours apply. *Note: Grackles, red-winged blackbirds and cowbirds may not be hunted for recreation purposes. They may be killed without a federal permit ONLY IF they are causing damage or are about to cause damage to trees, crops, livestock, or wildlife*

or unless they are concentrated in large numbers that may constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. Crows may also be killed without a federal permit in these situations.

General Hunting Restrictions

1. Firearms

Enclosed within a carrying case for firearms means a firearm must be completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose. The case must fully enclose the firearm by being zipped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed. Homemade cases are legal if they conform to this definition.

Unloaded means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine attached to a firearm.
2. Having the cap removed from a percussion muzzleloading firearm.
3. Having the flashpan cleaned of powder from a flint lock muzzleloading firearm.

It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder, a bow and arrow, or by falconry. Handguns may be used as described under the “handgun section” (p. 29). Pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger may be used for the same purposes as handguns.
- possess any firearm on November 19 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case (see definitions above). *Exceptions:* target shooting at established target ranges, waterfowl hunting during open season, and hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves. *Established target range* means an existing facility that has target

- shooting with firearms as its major purpose.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands of another without permission of the owner or occupant.

2. Transport and sale of game

It is illegal to:

- sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any bear, deer, squirrel, or game bird or part thereof *except*:
 - the tail and skin of any squirrel or head and skin of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
 - persons who hold a valid bear hunting or conservation patron license and bear harvest permit or taxidermist license. Only these persons may sell, buy, trade or barter bear hides only if the claws, head, and teeth are attached. Bear claws and teeth may not be sold, purchased, traded or bartered when separated from the hide. The sale of other bear parts is also prohibited.
 - rabbit and raccoon carcasses sold during the open season for those species.

3. Taking and possession of game

It is illegal to:

- take any wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- hunt beaver, fisher, mink, muskrat or otter (see p. 13 for landowner exception for beaver).
- not immediately kill all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- molest any squirrel nest or den, raccoon den or tree, mink den, or muskrat house.
- carelessly waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. *This rule does not allow you*

to trespass without permission of the landowner nor shoot game beyond established shooting hours.

- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner, as explained on page 13.

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

Note: Be sure to check with local authorities before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

1. Rifles

It is illegal to:

- possess a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess a rifle larger than .22 rimfire during the gun deer season in *shotgun only* areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. See page 47.
- hunt any game bird with a rifle.
- hunt deer or bear with a .22 or 5 mm rimfire rifle or .17 caliber center-fire rifle.

2. Shotguns and shotshells

Shotgun means a smoothbore barrelled firearm designed to shoot shotshells. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16 and 20.

It is illegal to:

- possess a *shotgun* (defined above) with a barrel length of less than 18 inches or an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess or control any shotshell loaded with single slug or ball while hunting, except during the gun season for deer or bear.

- hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.
- possess shot larger than NO. BB* while hunting *June 1 through the second day following the gun deer season.*
- hunt any game bird with a shotgun loaded with shot larger than No. BB* or with single slug or ball.
- hunt any migratory game bird, including woodcock and snipe, with any shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.

*Nontoxic shot no larger than size T must be used for hunting migratory game birds with the exception of woodcock and snipe.

- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges, except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. This rule does not apply to hunting with rifles and shotguns firing a single projectile. For more information, contact the refuge managers or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111.

3. Muzzleloaders

Muzzleloader means any caliber of *muzzleloading* firearm discharged from the *shoulder*.

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer or bear with any smoothbore muzzleloader less than .45 caliber or rifled muzzleloading firearm of less than .40 caliber. Muzzleloaders may be used in all regular deer season zones.
- hunt deer during Nov. 29 - Dec. 5, with any muzzleloader that is not loaded from the muzzle using black powder or other black powder substitutes, that has a scope with magnification or that does not have a solid breech plug attached with threads.

Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

4. Handguns

It is illegal to:

- hunt with or possess a handgun if under the age of 18 years. Target shooting with handguns by persons under the age of 18 years is allowed only when supervised by an adult.
- hunt any game with a handgun except as follows:
 1. Bobcat, coyote, fox, hare, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, and unprotected species may be hunted with handguns or pellet guns .177 caliber and larger. Handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of four inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.
 2. Deer and bear may be hunted with handguns which are loaded with .357, .41 and .44 magnum caliber cartridges. *Other caliber handguns chambered for commercially-manufactured cartridges* which produce a minimum muzzle energy of 1,000 foot pounds are also legal. These handguns must have a minimum barrel length of 5½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.
 3. Persons possessing a class A or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting all species except deer, bear, turkey, and migratory game birds.

Hunters using these magnum handguns for deer hunting may also possess other firearms legal for the zone in which they are hunting deer.

- possess a concealed handgun.
- transport a handgun in a vehicle unless it is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying

case. *Note: A holster is not a legal carrying case unless it completely encloses the handgun.*

5. Bows, arrows, and crossbows

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.
- possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except the permanently disabled under DNR permit) or poisoned, drugged or explosive tipped arrow.
- use arrows which have metal broad head blades less than seven-eighths inch wide for hunting deer or bear.

6. Arms transportation

It is illegal to:

- possess, place or transport in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary, any firearm or bow/crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case and the bow/crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- possess, place or transport in or on *any motor driven boat* while the motor is running, any firearm or bow/crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and bow/crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within the carrying case.

Note: Possession of an uncased bow in a boat while using any motor is legal while bowfishing only. A fishing license is required.

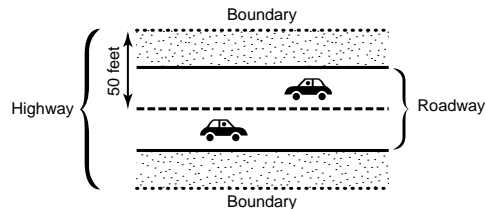
Always Remember the Three Rules of Firearms Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.

Other restrictions

1. Road hunting

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, and **Roadway** means the portion of the public road which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.



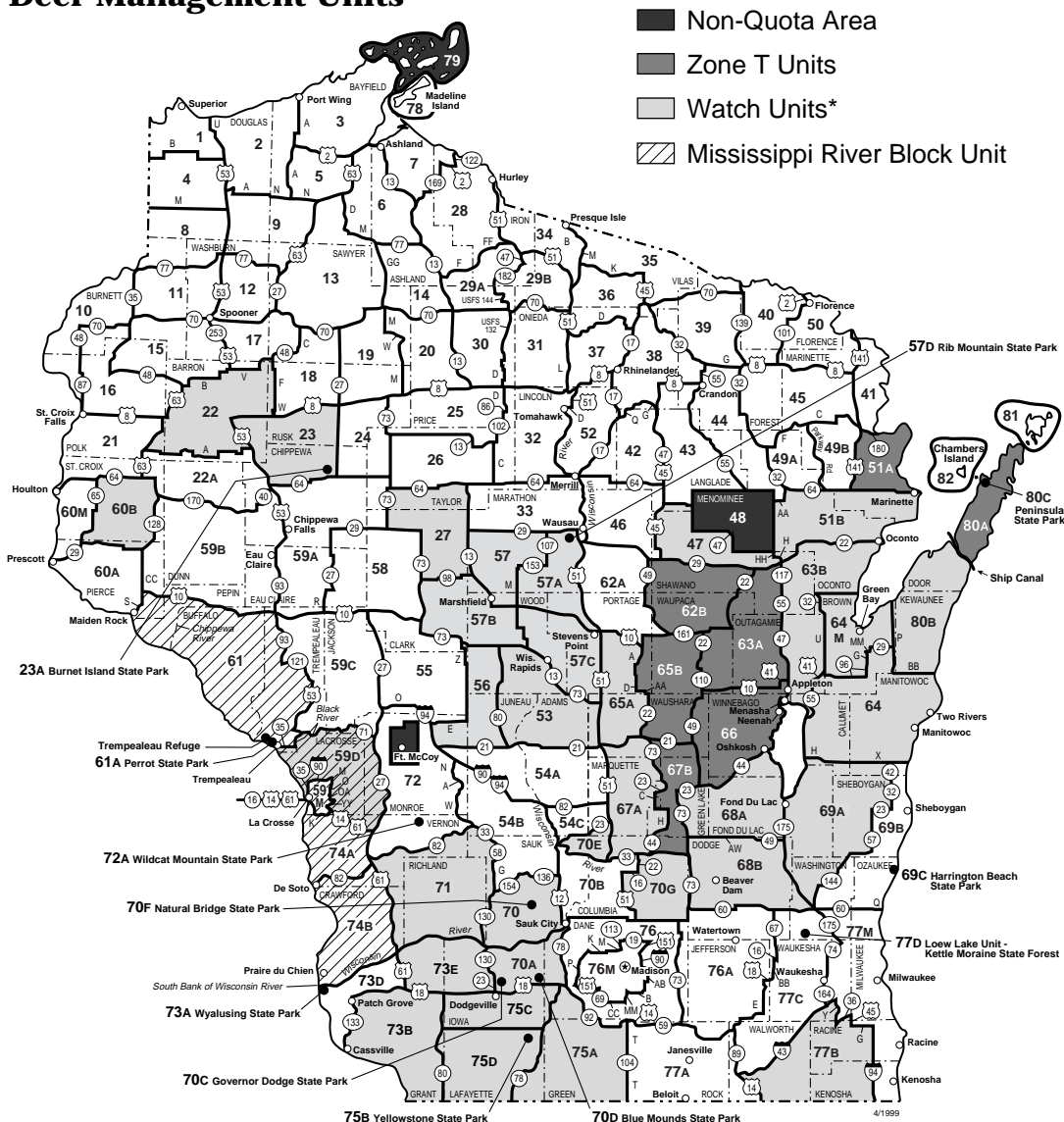
Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.

It is illegal to:

- hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow from or across a highway (defined above) or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. *Exception:* Under certain conditions, persons possessing a disabled hunting permit are exempt from this rule.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). Unpaved fire lanes are exempt and shown as dotted lines on the county highway maps. However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel).

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*Deer Management Units listed as "Watch Units" will follow 1999 general deer hunting regulations. Watch Units are deer management units that are above population goals and meet some criteria for Zone T seasons. Not harvesting the prescribed quota during the 1999 season in these units could result in a Zone T hunt during the 2000 season.

Other Restrictions *continued from page 31*

2. Baiting

Liquid scent means any nonsolid material (excluding honey) which flows freely and takes the shape of its container at a temperature of 70 degrees F.

It is illegal to:

- a. place, use or hunt over bait contained within or containing metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood (other than hollow stumps) or other nondegradable materials.
- b. use any baiting material, liquid or scent for attracting wild animals containing honey, bones, fish, meat, solid animal fat (which includes bacon grease) or parts of animal carcasses.
- c. place or hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.
- d. hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent during the archery season without possessing a valid, unused bear harvest permit or archery deer tag.
- e. place more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent in a baited area or hunt over a baited area containing more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent. *Note: You may hunt over material deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.*

Clarification:

- It is illegal to **hunt or pursue animals, or train dogs** in an area baited in violation of **a, b, or e** (above) from July 1 to January 1 unless the area is completely free of baiting material for at least 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, pursuing animals or training dogs. *The fact that the illegal bait is removed, allowing the area to be hunted after 10 consecutive days, does not alter any liability for the initial illegal placement of the bait.*

3. Shining

It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (**includes laser sights for bow and firearms**).
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31. *Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local sheriff's dept. or township officials for local shining restrictions.*
- shine at any time on federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.

Exceptions: A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting raccoon, fox, or unprotected species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, and 2) to find your way.

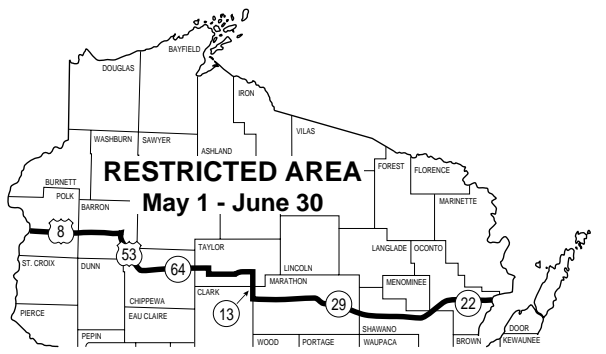
4. Dog Training

It is illegal to:

- train dogs on DNR lands and Federal Waterfowl Production Areas from *April 15 through July 31* unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training.
- while hunting or training dogs, allow the dog to kill any wild animal.

Note: Hunters using dogs may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.

- hunt or pursue any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of any dog from May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map, except for dog trials and training under DNR permit.



5. Use of devices

It is illegal to:

- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use any device other than legal firearms, bows, traps or falconry birds to kill or catch wild animals.
- use any electronic or electronically amplified calls while hunting migratory game birds or wild turkeys. *Note: It is legal to use any type of call or amplified sound for attracting foxes, raccoon, crows and coyotes during the open season.*

6. State-owned lands

It is illegal to:

- hunt or possess any firearm or air gun in any wildlife refuge, state park (except as posted for deer hunting) or state fish hatchery unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or bow/crossbow unless unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- build or use a ground blind or any elevated device on lands owned or under the control of the DNR unless it does not damage the tree and it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. *Note: Ground blinds may be constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the*

property. All national forest lands and federal refuges are protected by similar rules. For lands under county ownership, check local ordinances.

- damage trees on state-owned lands. *Note: Cutting shooting lanes and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal.*
- possess a loaded or uncased firearm, air gun or bow in any campground or picnic area in any state-owned forest.
- possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun within the boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties except:
 1. while engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons listed on pages 49, 56 and 57.
 2. while shooting at an established target range (this is the only target shooting permitted).
 3. while training dogs under department permit within designated areas.
- camp on any state lands except in designated campgrounds unless a special camp registration permit is obtained from the DNR prior to setting up camp.

7. Vehicle restrictions

It is illegal to operate any motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR and on federal waterfowl production areas, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit.

8. Trap theft

Stealing or molesting traps or snares is a criminal act and is punishable by fine (\$300-\$1000), imprisonment (up to 90 days), or both, and a mandatory 5-year revocation of license.

9. Hunting accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire or bow and arrow while hunting or trapping must first render necessary assistance and immediately report the incident to the local sheriff or police. A report must be rendered to the DNR by every person involved in a hunting accident within 10 days.

10. Tribal lands

Special rules apply on tribal lands in portions or all of Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Sawyer, and Vilas counties. For more information, contact tribal chairpersons.

11. Dog protection

Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only conservation wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.

Deer Hunting

Antlerless deer means deer without antlers or deer with both antlers less than 3 inches in length.

Either sex deer means a buck or doe of any age.

Legal buck means a deer with an antler 3 inches or more in length.

Deer hunting restrictions

1. Permits, tags, licenses

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer without a valid deer hunting license. The back tag must be displayed where it can be clearly seen on the back of the outermost garment. *Note: The back tag must not be hidden by your coat hood, displayed upside down or be marked up in any manner.*

- kill antlerless deer in any management unit other than the one for which your hunter's choice, bonus, Mississippi River Block (MRB) antlerless permit, or Zone T antlerless permit was issued.
- hunt deer under the authority of a hunter's choice, bonus, MRB bonus or Zone T antlerless permit, unless you or a member of your group gun deer hunting party possess:
 1. back and carcass tags.
 2. valid hunter's choice, bonus, MRB or Zone T antlerless permits.

2. Methods

It is illegal to:

- use or possess full metal jacket, nonexpanding bullets.
- hunt deer with dogs.

3. Possession

It is illegal to:

- possess deer with broken or removed antlers which make determination of legality doubtful, unless during gun deer season, you possess a valid hunter's choice, bonus or MRB antlerless permit or are in an either sex hunting zone.
- possess a deer carcass unless tagged as required by law.

Group deer hunting law

Group Hunting

It is illegal to kill game for another person EXCEPT that during a deer firearm season, any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party if they are all hunting with firearms. Members of a group deer hunting party should also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag on a deer killed by another member of the party.

Group Deer Hunting With Firearms

Group deer hunting with firearms is a widespread practice and deeply ingrained as part of Wisconsin's century old sport firearm deer hunting tradition. As an incidental part of group deer drives or other forms of group deer hunts, hunters in a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party. The following conditions are established by law to ensure that hunters are actively participating in the hunt, are in the field and do not harvest more deer than the group has tags for:

1. A group deer hunting party must be at least 2 or more hunters who are hunting together in the same area.
2. Each hunter must be using a firearm and be licensed to hunt deer. Other hunters may not shoot antlerless deer for first time hunter education graduates who are using their Hunter Education card as a permit for antlerless deer. Hunter education graduates may use group hunting to harvest a deer under a hunters choice or bonus permit issued by the DNR.
3. When the deer is killed, the hunter who kills the deer must be in either voice or visual contact with the hunter who will tag the deer. Loss of voice or visual contact for a reasonable time due to terrain or weather conditions is acceptable.
4. Hunters may not use cellular phones, radio communications or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices, (except hearing aids) to get someone to tag a deer. It is legal to use electronic devices for any reason other than getting someone to tag a deer.
5. The hunter for whom the deer is killed must possess a current, unused gun deer carcass tag.
6. The hunter killing the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the deer is tagged and the tag is validated according to the deer carcass tagging instructions. A hunter is considered to be attending the deer if the hunter can see the deer.

7. Group hunting requires all participants to possess firearms, therefore, convicted felons cannot participate in group deer hunting or allow use of their tag by any one else. Deer drivers are not required to possess firearms.

The above conditions describe a legal group deer hunting party. Hunters must all be present and hunting together in the same area to be a part of a group deer hunting party. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are at home, work, school, camp or at other locations apart from the area where the hunter killed the deer.

Blaze orange clothing requirements

During the gun and muzzleloader deer seasons, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. *Note: Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements.* Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

Transporting deer and bear

It is illegal to:

- transport another person's unregistered bear or deer unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. Once registered, anyone may transport the animal. *Note: Residents and nonresidents may transport legally possessed deer out of state once registered.*
- transport an unregistered deer or bear, in or on a vehicle, unless the animal is openly exposed and placed *so that riders cannot handle the carcass tag.* **Openly exposed** means open to view by a person in a passing vehicle.

Tagging and registration

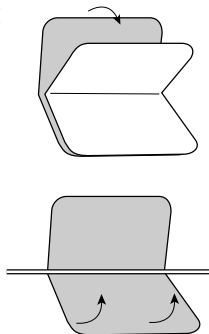
1. Deer carcass tags

Deer must be kept intact, except for field dressing, prior to registration.

- When you purchase your license, your kill tag will be printed as a separate item. The validation of this tag is still the same when tagging deer. However, attaching the kill tag is somewhat different. You will need to provide your own string or similar fastener to attach the kill tag.

Tagging instructions

1. *Immediately upon killing* and before field dressing or moving the deer, you must validate the carcass tag by slitting the marks indicated on the tag.
 2. *Immediately upon validation*, attach the deer carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler.
 3. Fold the tag in half, peel off the backing.
 4. Lay the string or similar fastener across the middle of the tag on the sticky side.
 5. Press the halves together.
 6. Attach the tag to an ear or antler. The deer must still be registered.
- Any person killing a deer for another member of their group deer hunting party **must** make sure that the person for whom the deer was killed attaches a validated carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler *without delay* and prior to field dressing or moving the deer.
 - The carcass and registration tag must be left with the deer meat when the animal is butchered.
 - The person who tagged the animal must keep the carcass and registration tag until the meat is consumed or given away.



2. Firearm deer registration

Registration stubs are available at deer registration stations and license vendors.

To save time, fill out the registration stub, unwrap the carcass tag, and have your hunter's choice or bonus deer permit handy before bringing your deer to the registration station attendant.

- **Regular license:** You must register deer killed under your regular license in the season zone (p.48) in which it was killed.
- **Antlerless Deer:** Antlerless deer must be registered before being removed from the *deer management unit* where killed (or in an adjoining unit if transported on federal or state highways directly to the nearest authorized registration station).
- **Firearm deer registration deadline:** No later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after the close of each season listed on page 49.

3. Archery deer registration

- Bowhunters tagging antlerless deer with a hunter's choice or bonus deer tag must register them within the deer management unit designated on the deer carcass tag or in an adjoining unit. Deer tagged with an archery deer backtag may be registered statewide.
- **Archery registration deadline:** 5:00 p.m. on the *third day after the deer was killed*.

Muzzleloader-only deer season

- **Nov. 29 - Dec. 5**
- **Season Limit:** 1 per permit.
- See page 28 for the types of muzzleloaders that are legal during this season.
- **Eligibility:** If after the regular gun-deer season, you or your group hunting party still possess an unused hunter's choice, bonus, or disabled hunter permit and carcass tag, you can participate in the muzzleloader hunt. You must hunt in the unit

where that permit is valid and legal bucks may **only** be harvested under the authority of both a Hunter's Choice Permit and a gun deer carcass tag (see **Permit Information**, page 18). All regular firearms deer season blaze orange clothing requirements apply.

- **Open units:** The 7-day muzzleloader season will be held statewide except in some state parks and units where Hunter's Choice or bonus permits are not available. All muzzleloader firearms must meet the requirements specified on page 28.

Special Deer Hunting Regulations in Zone T

Deer Hunting Zone T is made up of the following Deer Management Units (DMU's); 51A, 62B, 63A, 65B, 66, 67B, 80A, and State Park 80C.* See page 32 and 33 for a map of DMU's.

1999 Zone T Deer Seasons

Archery

- September 18 – October 27 (one either sex per archery license plus additional antlerless per permit)
- October 28 – October 31 (antlerless deer only with archery license or antlerless deer permit)
- November 1 – November 18 (One either sex per archery license plus additional antlerless per permit)
- December 4 - December 31 (one either sex per archery license plus additional antlerless per permit)

* Please Note: State Park 80C (Peninsula State Park) does not have an archery or muzzleloader deer hunting season. Only gun season dates apply for State Park 80C.

Gun

- October 28 – October 31 (antlerless deer only)
 - November 20 – November 28 (one either sex per gun deer license plus additional antlerless per permit)
- Firearm hunting hours are different than archery hunting hours. See the table on page 60.

Muzzleloader

- November 29 – December 5 (one either sex per gun deer license plus additional antlerless per permit)

Tag Use and Availability in Zone T Only

(Prices are subject to change)

1. Gun deer or Archery license (\$20.00 resident; \$135.00 nonresident): Valid for one deer which may be antlerless or a legal buck, except that only antlerless deer may be harvested on October 28 – 31. Since this is the only tag that may be used on a buck, hunters wishing to harvest a buck will want to tag antlerless deer with free Special Antlerless Deer Permits.
2. Special Antlerless Deer Permit (Free): valid in any Zone T DMU and only for an antlerless deer during the gun, muzzleloader and archery seasons. After August 15, Special Antlerless Deer Permits may be obtained at all DNR license vendors. Permits will be issued at a rate of three per gun deer or archery license for a maximum of six per person.

Zone T Firearm and Muzzleloader Deer Season Registration

Antlerless deer must be registered in the DMU of kill or a DMU adjoining the unit of kill if transported on state or federal highways. Legal bucks killed in other Zone T DMU's may be registered in those DMU's and anywhere in Gun Deer Season Zone A.

Zone T Archery Deer Season Registration

Bowhunters tagging deer with a free Zone T tag must register them within the DMU of the kill or an adjacent unit if transported on state or federal highways. Deer tagged with an archery deer tag may be registered statewide.

Waterfowl Refuges and Closed Areas

Deer gun hunting during the October 28 – October 31 season is prohibited in all waterfowl refuges and closed

areas, including ones that are open to firearm deer hunting during the regular 9-day season in November.

Blaze Orange Clothing

Blaze orange clothing requirements apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters during all Zone T firearm deer seasons (including the October 28 – October 31 hunt) and the muzzleloader season. Deer hunters should be aware that waterfowl hunters and other people may be present and must exercise caution. Always be sure of your target and beyond.

Zone T State Park Hunting

Hunters wishing to hunt in state park unit 80C (Peninsula State Park) must apply with a regular Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Deer Application (\$3.00 application fee) by July 20. Participants will be issued a special park entry pass. Park regulations will be supplied to all successful applicants when permits are mailed.

Finding a Place to Hunt

These units are primarily private land. Please respect private landowner rights. Scout early and ask first for permission to hunt. Past experience has shown that public lands are heavily hunted during the 4-day antlerless hunt. **Whether you hunt private or public land, please remember to hunt safely.**

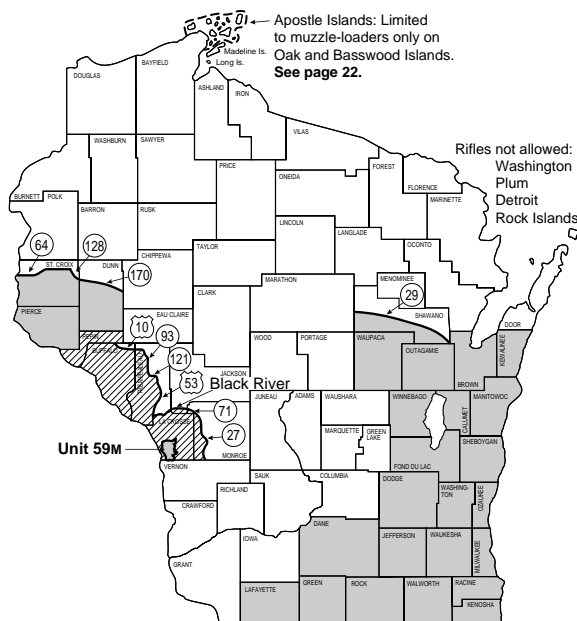
Early Zone T Firearm Hunting Hours (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset)

See page 60 for calculation information.

Oct. 28	6:51-5:50	Oct. 30	6:53-5:47
Oct. 29	6:52-5:48	Oct. 31	5:54-4:46

Sportsmen Against Hunger is a program that provides deer hunters with an opportunity to help feed the hungry. For more information, write or call; Sportsmen Against Hunger, 208 Wilmot Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186. (414) 513-5557.

Deer Season Firearms Options



- Shotguns, Muzzleloaders and Handguns only
- Only handguns, shotguns and muzzleloaders are permitted the first two days in Pepin County and these portions of Buffalo, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe and Trempealeau counties. Rifles may be used thereafter.

Note: Handguns, shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used in any area open to deer hunting with rifles.

The map displays the state of Wisconsin with its county boundaries. Major cities are marked with dots and labeled. The locations of 15 study sites are indicated by letters and numbers in parentheses, representing the county and site number. The sites are distributed across the state, with a concentration in the southern and central regions. The South Bank Wisconsin River is shown in the southern part of the state.

Counties and Sites shown on the map:

- Adams County:** Site A (70c)
- Bayfield County:** Site B (59d, 59m, 61, 74a, 74b)
- Barron County:** Site C (23a)
- Berkshire County:** Site C (61a)
- Brown County:** Site C (70c)
- Butler County:** Site C (70c)
- Calumet County:** Site C (70c)
- Chippewa County:** Site C (23a)
- Columbia County:** Site C (70c)
- Dane County:** Site C (70c)
- Douglas County:** Site C (70c)
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Zones see p.48	Units (see pages 32-33)	Season Limit	1999 Seasons Open Close	
Bow Deer				
A, B, M, M1, M2, D	64M, 59M, 60M, 76M, 77D, 77M, Fort McCoy, River Block, and other Zone A units	1 either sex plus additional antlerless per permits	Sept. 18 Dec. 4	Nov. 14 Dec. 31
C	23A, 57D, 72A	1 antlerless permit holders only	Dec. 4	Dec. 31
C	75B, 69C	1 either sex permit holders only	Dec.4	Dec. 31
C	81 (Rock Island)	1 either sex plus additional antlerless per permits	Oct. 16 Dec. 5	Nov. 14 Dec. 31
M3	77M	1 either sex plus additional antlerless per permits	Sept. 18 Nov. 20	Nov. 18 Jan. 31
Gun Deer				
A, M, M2	64M, 60M, 76M, other Zone A units	1 buck plus antlerless per permit	Nov. 20	Nov. 28
B	River Block (59D, 59M, 61, 74A, 74B)	1 either sex plus additional antlerless per permits	Nov. 20	Nov. 21
		1 buck plus antlerless per permit	Nov. 22	Nov. 28
C	73A, 70F	1 either sex permit holders only	Nov. 20	Nov. 28
M3	77M	1 buck plus antlerless per permit	Nov. 20	Nov. 28
		additional antlerless per permit	Nov. 29	Dec. 12
Muzzleloader Deer				
A, M, B, M1, M2, M3	64M, 59M, 60M, 76M, 77M River Block, and other Zone A units	1 either sex per gun hunters choice plus additional antlerless per permit	Nov. 29	Dec. 5
C	23A, 57D, 72A	1 antlerless permit holders only	Nov. 20	Dec. 5
C	75B, 77D, 69C	1 either sex permit holders only	Nov. 20	Dec. 5
C	61A, 70D, 80C, 70C	1 either sex permit holders only	Nov. 20	Nov. 28

1999 Deer Bag Limits and Tag Use Options

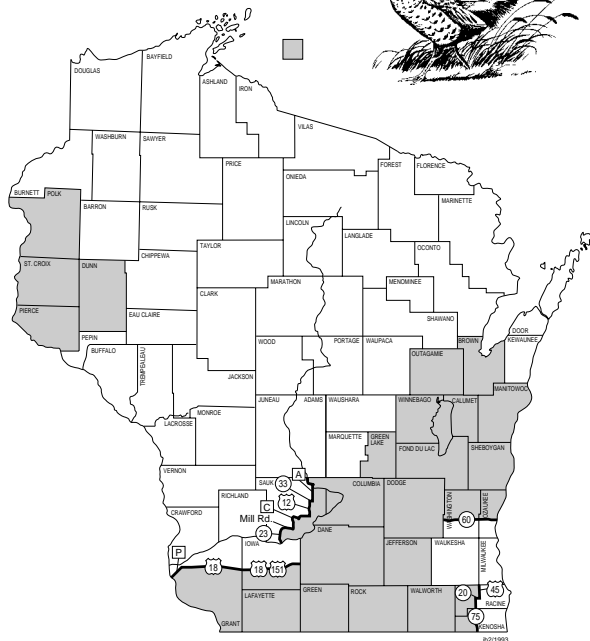
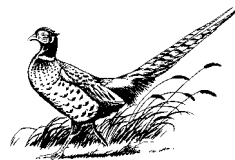
If you hunt during the:	and you kill an:	You may tag it with
Archery Deer Season	antlerless deer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular Archery Deer Tag 2. Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit, only in unit for which permit is valid 3. Gun Hunter's Choice Permit, only in unit for which permit is valid (use gun deer carcass tag)
	antlered buck	Regular Archery Deer Tag ONLY
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	antlerless deer*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit, only in unit for which permit is valid 2. **Gun Hunter's Choice Permit, only in unit for which permit is valid (use gun deer carcass tag)
Muzzleloader Deer Season	antlered buck	Gun Hunter's Choice Permit (use gun deer carcass tag), only in unit for which permit is valid
	antlerless deer*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit 2. Gun Hunter's Choice Permit (use gun deer carcass tag)

*Certified disabled hunters and resident military personnel on furlough or leave (see page 18) are not required to obtain antlerless permits to hunt either sex deer.

**Mississippi River Block hunters may tag either sex deer during the first 2 days of the season using a regular gun deer carcass tag. No additional permit is required.

Small Game Hunting

Pheasant Management Zones



A pheasant stamp is required to hunt pheasants in pheasant management zones.

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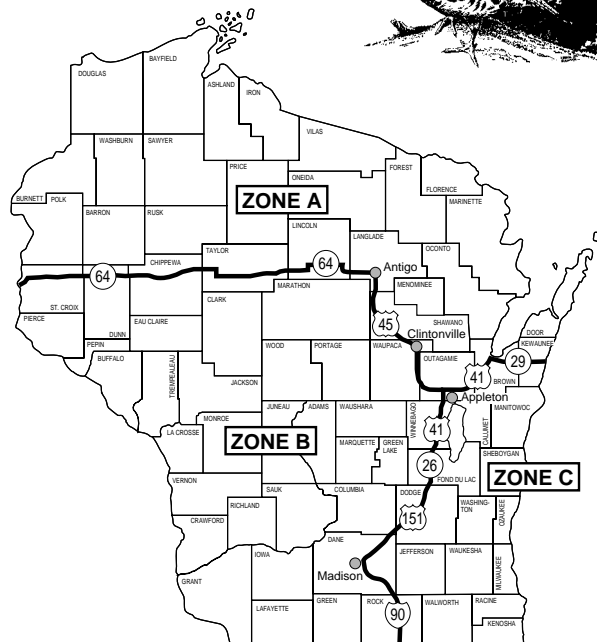
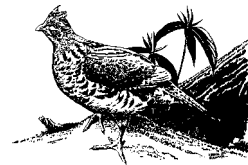
Bobcat tagging and registration

- To hunt bobcat, you must have a DNR permit and carcass tag on your person.
- Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the carcass tag must be attached and locked by passing the tag through the animal's mouth to the eye opening, just beneath the skin.

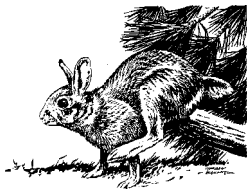
The bobcat pelt must be separated from the carcass and both parts presented to DNR for registration no later than five days after the close of the season.

- The bobcat carcass will be retained by DNR for research purposes.
- It is illegal to possess the raw pelt of a bobcat more than 5 days after the close of the season without a registration tag attached.
- No person may transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless it bears a DNR carcass tag and registration tag.

Ruffed Grouse Zones

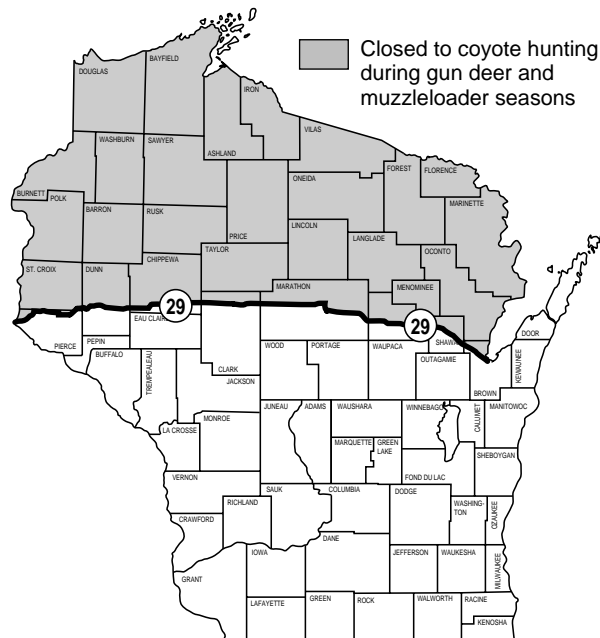


Cottontail Rabbit Zones



Coyote hunting restriction

- Coyotes may be hunted year-round statewide except in the area shown on the following map, where they may not be hunted during any gun or muzzleloader deer season.



This closed season protects endangered timber wolves. Wolves may be seen south of the closed area. Don't shoot a timber wolf. If you're not sure, don't shoot.

Small Game Hunting Seasons

All firearm hunting seasons listed below are closed on **Nov. 19, 1999.**

Blaze orange clothing requirements apply to all hunters during firearm and muzzleloader deer seasons.

Species	Daily Bag	Possession Limit	Area	1999-2000	
				Opens	Closes
Gray and Fox Squirrel	5	10	Statewide	Sept. 18	Jan. 31
Ruffed Grouse	5	10	Zone A - map, p. 38	Sept. 18	Dec. 31
	5	10	Zone B - map, p. 38	Sept. 18	Jan. 31
	2	4	Zone C - map, p. 38	Oct. 16	Dec. 8
Cottontail Rabbit (firearm season closed in Milw.Co)	3	6	Northern zone - map, p. 39	Sept. 18	Feb. 28
			Southern zone - map, p. 39	Oct. 16 (Noon)	Feb. 28
Jackrabbit	3	6	Statewide	Oct. 16 (Noon)	Nov. 15
Bobwhite Quail	5	10	Statewide	Oct. 16 (Noon)	Dec. 8
Pheasant	See below*		Statewide	Oct. 16 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Apply by permit for specified areas			Oct. 16	Nov. 7
Woodcock	3	6	Statewide	Sept. 25	Nov. 8

Note: to hunt woodcock in Wisconsin you must be in possession of a Harvest Information Permit (See page 18).

Crow	15	30	Statewide;	Sept. 18 Jan. 19	Nov. 18 Mar. 20
Hungarian Partridge	3	6	Statewide; closed in Clark, Taylor & Marathon counties	Oct. 16 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Bobcat	1 by permit		North of Hwy. 64	Oct. 16	Dec. 31
Raccoon Resident hunting Nonresident hunting	Unlimited Unlimited	Unlimited Unlimited	Statewide Statewide	Oct. 16 Oct. 30	Jan. 31 Jan. 31
	Unlimited Unlimited	Unlimited Unlimited	North of Hwy. 64 South of Hwy. 64	Oct. 16 Oct. 30	Feb. 15 Feb. 15
Snowshoe Hare	Unlimited	Unlimited	Statewide	Year-round	
Coyote	Unlimited		Statewide	See page 55	

***Pheasant:** Oct. 16-17, 1 cock daily; possession limit 2. Remainder of season: 2 cocks daily; possession limit 4. See page 51 for pheasant zone where a pheasant stamp is required.

Some public hunting grounds have both hen and rooster pheasant hunting (requires free permits and tags) and/or 2 p.m. closure times. See Special Pheasant pamphlet for details.

Turtles

General Provisions

Apply statewide (including all boundary waters:)

- A valid Wisconsin fishing, small game or commercial fishing license is required to take and possess turtles on **Wisconsin-Iowa** and **Wisconsin-Minnesota** boundary waters.
- A valid Wisconsin small game or fishing license is required to take and possess turtles anywhere else in the state.
- The open season for all turtles, other than those listed as endangered or threatened, is **JULY 15 - NOVEMBER 30**. Ornate Box, Wood, and Blanding's Turtles may not be taken or possessed without an Endangered Species Permit.
- Turtles may be taken by hand, dip net, hook and line, by hooking, and by hoop net trap (see allowed design at right). **No other trap types are allowed.** Turtles may not be taken by hook and line from trout streams during the closed trout season.
- Snapping turtle size limits are a **12" minimum** and a **16" maximum** top shell length (measured from front to back). There are no size limits for other species.

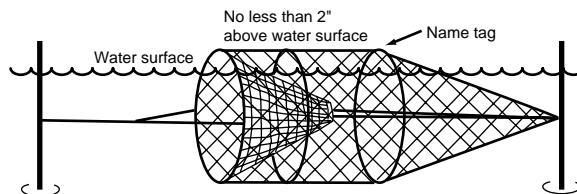
Other Provisions:

- The number of hoop traps that can be operated are: 10 on Wisconsin/Minnesota and Wisconsin/Iowa boundary waters and 3 on all other waters of the state.
- Bag and Possession Limits. Bag and possession limits are identical.

Species	WI-IA/WI-MN Boundary Waters	Inland Waters
Snapping	10	3
Softshell	5	3
Others	5	5

- Hoop net trap specifications: Traps must be designed of stretchable fabric (e.g. nylon) and must have a minimum mesh stretch of 6 inches. **No wire mesh is allowed.** Each trap must have a metal tag attached and visible above the water surface showing the name and address of the operator. The operator identified on the trap tag is the only person authorized to tend the traps. Traps must be set with a minimum of two inches of the hoops exposed above the water surface. Turtle traps must be checked and the entrapped contents removed at least once each day after the day they are set in all waters.

Single Entrance Hoop Trap



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Hunting Hours

Actual hunting hours for Zone A

- **Gun deer:** (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset): shown right.
- **Small game, bow deer, bear:** (1/2 hour before sunrise to 15 minutes after sunset): shown on pages 62-63.
- **Migratory birds, including woodcock; fall and spring turkey:** see separate pamphlets for hunting hours.

Calculating hunting hours in Zones B-F

- Six hunting hour zones are shown on map to right.
- Add the minutes shown for the zone in which you are hunting (see **Zone** map) to the opening and closing times listed in either the Zone A Firearm Deer table or the Small game, bow deer, bear table. **For example, if you are hunting deer with a firearm in Zone C on Nov. 25, add 8 minutes to 6:26 and 4:21. The correct adjusted opening and closing times are 6:34 and 4:29.**

Other hunting hours restrictions

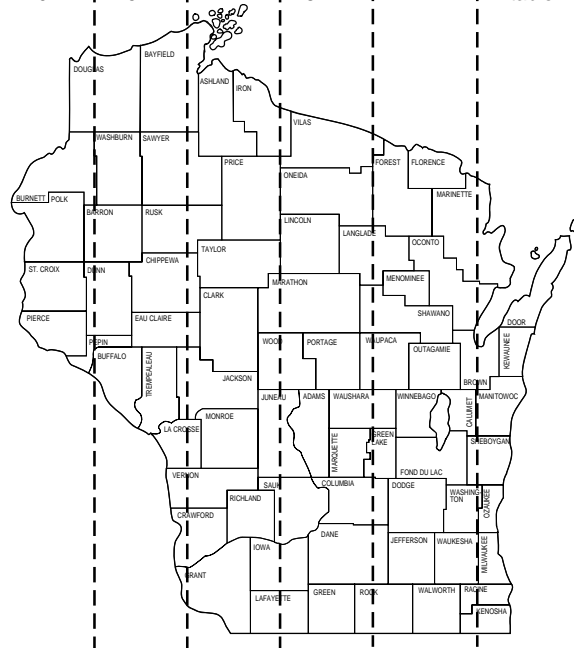
- You may hunt only during the open season and within the hours listed.
- Coyote, fox, raccoon, or unprotected species may be hunted without hunting hours restrictions except:
 1. during the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours apply to all bow hunting.
 2. during the regular gun deer season from Nov. 20-Nov. 28, when hunting hours apply to all bow and gun hunting. This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader deer season or an extended gun deer season.
- It is illegal to hunt any species using bait after small game hours, unless the hunting involves the release of trailing dogs.

Zone A-Firearm and Muzzleloader Deer Season Hours (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset)

Nov. 20	6:20-4:24	Nov. 28	6:29-4:19
Nov. 21	6:21-4:24	Nov. 29	6:30-4:19
Nov. 22	6:22-4:23	Nov. 30	6:32-4:19
Nov. 23	6:23-4:22	Dec. 1	6:33-4:18
Nov. 24	6:25-4:22	Dec. 2	6:34-4:18
Nov. 25	6:26-4:21	Dec. 3	6:35-4:18
Nov. 26	6:27-4:20	Dec. 4	6:36-4:18
Nov. 27	6:28-4:20	Dec. 5	6:37-4:17

Hunting Hours Zones

Zone F | Zone E | Zone D | Zone C | Zone B | Zone A
+ 20 min. | + 16 min. | + 12 min. | + 8 min. | + 4 min. | in table



Zone A Small Game, Bow Deer and Bear Hunting Hours Table

Date	Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	5:46	7:42	6:18	6:48	5:56	4:59	6:33	4:33
2	5:47	7:40	6:20	6:47	5:57	4:58	6:34	4:33
3	5:48	7:38	6:21	6:45	5:58	4:57	6:35	4:33
4	5:49	7:37	6:22	6:43	5:59	4:55	6:36	4:33
5	5:50	7:35	6:23	6:41	6:01	4:54	6:37	4:32
6	5:51	7:33	6:24	6:40	6:02	4:53	6:38	4:32
7	5:52	7:31	6:25	6:38	6:03	4:52	6:39	4:32
8	5:53	7:30	6:26	6:36	6:05	4:51	6:40	4:32
9	5:54	7:28	6:28	6:35	6:06	4:50	6:41	4:32
10	5:55	7:26	6:29	6:33	6:07	4:48	6:42	4:32
11	5:56	7:24	6:30	6:31	6:08	4:47	6:42	4:32
12	5:58	7:23	6:31	6:30	6:10	4:46	6:43	4:32
13	5:59	7:21	6:32	6:28	6:11	4:45	6:44	4:32
14	6:00	7:19	6:33	6:26	6:12	4:44	6:45	4:33
15	6:01	7:17	6:35	6:25	6:14	4:43	6:46	4:33
16	6:02	7:15	6:36	6:23	6:15	4:43	6:46	4:33
17	6:03	7:14	6:37	6:21	6:16	4:42	6:47	4:33
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22	6:08	7:05	6:43	6:13	6:22	4:23	6:50	4:35
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30	6:17	6:50	6:53	6:02	6:32	4:34	6:53	4:41
31			5:54	5:01			6:53	4:42

** Firearm hunting prohibited on Nov. 19. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:17 - 4:40.

Jan.		Feb.		March		April		May		Date
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	
6:53	4:43	6:37	5:19	5:58	5:56	5:04	6:32	5:16	8:07	1
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Caution: Consult your migratory bird regulations pamphlet for migratory bird hunting hours including woodcock—they are different than those listed above.

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